

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
December 9, 2013

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order. All members were present.

MINUTES

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the minutes from December 2nd.
Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

TREASURER

Treasurer Becky Morris came before the Board with information about a company called Gov Tech Services, which balances payments from escrow companies for property tax payments. This service would save a lot of time for the Treasurer's office. There is no fee to the County; the fee is paid by the escrow companies. Treasurer Morris has spoken to the IT Department to make sure there would not be issues there. Commissioner West made a motion to have the County Attorney look over the contract. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

The Treasurer also stated that she had spoken to the County Attorney regarding the fee ordinance and he will update it.

BLN

Kristen Pixley, BLN, introduced herself to the Board of Commissioners. BLN is a bridge inspection firm.

CLAIMS

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the claims. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DUES

The Board received a bill from the Indiana Association of County Commissioners for the 2014 dues. Commissioner West made a motion to pay the bill. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

EMA

Kris Marks, EMA Director, sold one of the old vehicles for \$500 and needed the Chairman of the Commissioners to sign off on the title. Commissioner West made a motion to have Chairman Francis sign off on the title. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Paul Wilson brought the Ordinance restructuring the County Council districts due to the census. Commissioner West made a motion to approve and accept Ordinance 12-9-13 amending chapter 30 of the Miami County Code of Ordinances and Modifying County Councilmanic Districts. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

RECORDER

Brenda Weaver, Miami County Recorder, presented the Commissioners with a packet of information labeled as "Whistleblower Retaliation" geared towards Federal employees and asked that the Board of Commissioners to "cease and desist" punishment of her office. The Board of Commissioners suspended the use of County e-mail for her 1st Deputy Rhonda Trexler until the end of the year for inappropriate use. Mrs. Weaver stated that their behavior is childish and they were acting like 5th graders. She further stated that she did not know about them, but she was not a fifth grader. The Commissioners stated that the loss of use of the County e-mail for her 1st Deputy had nothing to do with "whistleblowing" but the sending out of e-mails bashing & trashing other employees, other Elected Officials and offices, done on County time and using County equipment which violates County Policy. Mrs. Weaver stated her deputy had the right to do that. After the Recorder left, Chairman Francis held up a pile of papers explaining that they were single sheet e-mails all sent from the Recorder's office by both

Recorder Weaver and her 1st Deputy Rhonda Trexler, bashing Elected Officials, employees and offices and they could read them if they chose to.

PAYROLL

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the payroll. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY

Chairman Francis asked Brad Smith, Highway Supervisor, to check and see if a sign is missing at 1075S and 25W.

Commissioner Francis informed Mr. Smith that the Cemetery Board was looking for some space to put a small shed for their tools and asked Mr. Smith if there was any room at the North end garage. Mr. Smith said he would check and let him know.

KIM FRASIER

Kim Frasier, Extension office, asked the Board if she could present free wellness classes to the County employees. It is a six-week session and she could do the lunch hour once a week (or once a month) whatever would work for the employees. Commissioner West made a motion to allow. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

INSURANCE

Mary Brown, Chief Deputy Auditor, informed the Board that the Workman's comp would increase about \$16,000 due to several large claims.

IT

John Evans, IT Director, asked the Board if they had found the money for the back-up server (approximately \$20,000). The Board asked him if he had spoken to the City to see what they could put towards it. Mr. Evans stated he had been sick most of last week but he would get with the City and see what he could find out.

The Auditor contacted Qquest regarding the time clocks and they said they had tried to contact John without any response. Since they had started working with John Powell, no one is sure whether they had the right number so he will contact them and to try to get the system working.

DONOHUE HERCEG ENGINEERING FIRM

Tim Wall introduced himself and told the Board about Donohue/Herceg, the company he is representing. Donohue/Herceg is an engineering/architecture firm. Mr. Wall left them some information.

KELLY AVENUE BRIDGE

Commissioner West made a motion to have Chairman Francis sign the letter to INDOT for Federal Funds to repair the Kelly Avenue Bridge. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

INSURANCE OVERVIEW

Representatives from AGA went over the year-end report for the County insurance. Over all we did very well and only anticipate a 10% increase. The clinic has helped very well.

Commissioner West made a motion to renew current insurance plan for 2014. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner West made a motion to remain grandfathered. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

VACATION DAYS

Commissioner West made a motion to allow Georganne Allen to carry over 4 vacation days to be used by January 31st, 2014. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner West made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION

_____, **Chairman**
Joshua Francis

_____, **Vice Chairman**
Larry West

_____, **Member**
Jerry Hamman

Attest: _____, **Auditor**
Jane Lilley